

REMARKS

The above amendments and these Remarks are in reply to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment mailed November 29, 2007.

In the Office Action, the Examiner cited the Amendment document filed on June 26, 2007 as non-compliant, writing "the underlining and strikethrough is not accurate in at least claims 8, 21, 60, 62, 64 and 66." Applicant has reviewed the claim listing and identified the following correction to the document filed on June 26, 2007 to match the claim listing from the Response to Office Action filed on November 14, 2006:

Claim 21, Line 11: "creating an annular plasma," inserted in claim listing.

Applicant requests that the listing of claims starting on page 2 and ending on page 13, be substituted for the listing of claims of the document filed on June 26, 2007.

In light of the above and in light of the arguments and amendments submitted in the Reply to Final Office Action filed June 26, 2007, it is respectfully submitted that all of the claims now pending in the subject patent application should be allowable, and a Notice of Allowance is requested. The Examiner is respectfully requested to telephone the undersigned if he can assist in any way in expediting issuance of a patent.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge any underpayment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 06-1325 for any matter in connection with this response, including any fee for extension of time, which may be required.

Respectfully submitted,

Date: December 4, 2007

By: /Michael L. Robbins/
Michael L. Robbins
Reg. No. 54,774

FLIESLER MEYER LLP
650 California St., 14th Floor
San Francisco, California 94108
Telephone: (415) 362-3800
Facsimile: (415) 362-2928
Customer No. 23910